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CAST:

THE DOCTOR
NYSSA
TEGAN
LORD PRESIDENT
ZORAC
THALIA
HEDIN
OMEGA
CASTELLAN
MAXIL
ROBIN
COLIN
DAMON

N/S:

GUARDS
ERGON

SETS:

The Matrix

Omega's Tardis Composite: Chamber (walled area)
Omega's area

Gallifrey Composite: Corridor
Termination Area
Time Lord's Office
Computer Room
Security Compound
Castellan's Office
Council Chamber

Crypt Composite: Crypt
Pump Room
Service Tunnel

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SUPOSE CAM — Opening Titles:

REPRISE THEN:

1. INT. GALLIFREY. TERMINATION AREA.

(LORD PRESIDENT COMES FORWARD TO ACTIVATE THE MATRIX SCREEN.

ON THE SCREEN, THE THREE DIMENSIONAL WEB DISPLAY SEEN, IT'S NOW CLEAR, THE ELECTRONIC OCCLUSION GONE)

LORD PRESIDENT: The space time dimensions of the matrix are clear. The creature has been expelled.

NYSSA: (BITING BACK TEARS) I hope you know what you've done!

(SHE LEAVES.

AWKWARD SILENCE)

ZORAC: Remarkable business. For a minute I thought the creature was here. On Gallifrey.

THALIA: Probably the result of severing the bond.

HEDIN: A tragedy it took an innocent life to do it.

(CAMERA IS ZOOMING SLOWLY IN ON THE SCREEN. IT ENTERS, AND SWIRLING FORCES RESOLVE INTO A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE MATRIX)

2. INT. THE MATRIX.

(IN VISUAL TERMS A THREE DIMENSIONAL PATTERN HUMMING WITH THE KIND OF ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY WE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE INSIDE A BRAIN, SIGNALS PULSING ALONG, GANGLIONS OF ELECTRONIC NERVES, NODAL POINTS, SYNAPTIC CURRENTS AND SO ON.

STRANGE TIDAL FORCES GUST AND ECHO.

THE MATRIX IS THE SCIENTIFICALLY ENGINEERED RE-ORDERING OF THE RELATIVE DIMENSIONS OF TIME AND SPACE OVER WHICH THE TIME LORDS HAVE CONTROL. ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO ENABLE TIME CAPSULES LIKE THE TARDIS TO MOVE FREELY THROUGH THESE RELATIVE DIMENSIONS, BUT IT ALSO HAS A HOST OF SECONDARY FUNCTIONS WHICH RELATE TO THE DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF GALLIFREY ITSELF.

THE MATRIX EXISTS OUTSIDE THE PHYSICAL WORLD, REFLECTING A SCIENTIFICALLY CONTROLLABLE MIRROR IMAGE OF THE REAL THING.

HERE WE PICK UP THE DOCTOR IN SLUMPED POSTURE. HE HAS FORM BUT NO REAL SUBSTANCE. SYNAPTIC PULSES SHOOT BY HIM AT INCREDIBLE SPEED. HE ROCKS SLIGHTLY, HOLDING FEEBLY ONTO THE MEREST THREAD OF EXISTENCE.

SOFT LAUGHTER ECHOING STRANGELY.

THE DOCTOR STIRS, FOCUSING HIS MIND ON THE SOUND. THE EFFORT IS TREMENDOUS)

THE DOCTOR: ... Who are you?

(MORE SOFT LAUGHTER. THEN SILENCE APART FROM THE MUTED ELECTRONIC ECHOES.

THE DOCTOR DRIFTS OFF, HIS BODY ROCKING IN THE RHYTHMIC TIDAL FORCES IN THE MATRIX)

3. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(CASTELLAN AND MAXIL MOVING ALONG.

THE CASTELLAN PENSIVE)

CASTELLAN: What was your opinion Maxil?

MAXIL: The termination? Not quite what I expected.

CASTELLAN: Nor me. (STOPS) I want a full analysis of the event. Be discreet. But do it right away.

MAXIL: Yes sir.

(HE GOES OFF.

THE CASTELLAN STILL PREOCCUPIED. A MOMENT THEN HE MOVES INTO HIS OFFICE)

3A. INT. GALLIFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE.

(OMEGA RESOLVING IN
THE CONE OF LIGHT)

TIME LORD: (ANXIOUS) The Doctor?

OMEGA: Weak but he'll live. You did well Time Lord.

TIME LORD: Altering the circuit was easy. But exposure to the ma trix could have proved fatal.

OMEGA: Anyone else perhaps. But the Doctor was once Lord President. He was conditioned to survive.

TIME LORD: You can hold him until you transfer?

OMEGA: Given sufficient time yes. No one suspects?

TIME LORD: Your appearance in the chamber caused comment. I can't be sure.

OMEGA: Be sure. We can't have anything go wrong now.

3B. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(DAMON SLOTTING THE ROTOR ELEMENT INTO PLACE WHEN NYSSA VERY UPSET ENTERS)

DAMON: It's ready Nyssa ...

(SEES THE LOOK ON HER FACE)

The Doctor?

(NYSSA'S FACE SAYS IT ALL. SHE BITES HER LIP AND MOVES OFF TO HER ROOM BEYOND, TOO UPSET TO SPEAK.

ON DAMON'S UPSET FACE)

4. INT. AMSTERDAM. SERVICE PASSAGE.

(TEGAN AND ROBIN
MOVING DOWN THE
PASSAGE.

TEGAN BRUSHING
AT HER SKIRT)

TEGAN: It's filthy in here. What is this place?

ROBIN: A service passage. You're not exactly dressed for the occasion.

TEGAN: I came for a holiday, not to crawl through places like this.

ROBIN: Let's hope it's worth it.

(THEY MOVE ON)

4A. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(MAXIL COMES INTO
THE COMPUTER ROOM.
LOOKS AROUND FOR
SIGNS OF DAMON.
THEN MOVES TO THE
CONSOLE AND BEGINS
TO OPERATE THE
COMPUTER)

5. INT. GALLIFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE.

(A LIGHT PULSING
AT THE BASE OF
A SCREEN. BESIDE
IT A GRILL IN THE
FACIA PANEL.

TIME LORD'S HAND
COMES INTO SHOT
AND PRESSES A
SWITCH NEARBY.

ON THE SCREEN, IT
SHOWS MAXIL AT
WORK AT THE CONSOLE
IN THE COMPUTER
ROOM)

6. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(CLOSE ON A GRILL SIMILAR TO THAT IN TIME LORD'S OFFICE. BEHIND IT THE HIDDEN CAMERA WATCHING MAXIL AT WORK. CAMERA PANS OFF TO MAXIL)

7. INT. MATRIX.

(THE DOCTOR ROCKING
IN THE PULSING
INFINITY OF THE
MATRIX)

OMEGA: (O.S. ELECTRONIC WHISPER)
Doctor ...

(THE DOCTOR STIRS
AND COMES TO -
MUCH MORE ALERT
NOW)

(O.S.) Doctor!

(THE DOCTOR SEARCHES
FOR THE SOURCE OF
THE VOICE.

THEN HE SEES IT.
THE SHAPE OF OMEGA,
SEATED, CLOAKED
AND HIDEOUSLY
MASKED MOVING TOWARDS
HIM. THE IMAGE
HOLDS ROCKING SLIGHTLY.

THE DOCTOR FOCUS'S
HARD TRYING BUT
FAILING TO RECOGNIZE
OMEGA)

You know where you are Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: The matrix. I thought you might have something like this in mind.

OMEGA: You weren't afraid?

THE DOCTOR: I knew you couldn't let me die, if that's what you mean.

OMEGA: You knew what would happen?

THE DOCTOR: I guessed. Besides I hoped it would give me the chance to meet you.

OMEGA: And now that you have?

THE DOCTOR: Difficult to say without knowing who you are.

OMEGA: (CHUCKLE) A friend Doctor. The friend who holds your feeble life force this side of existence.

8. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(MAXIL READING THE DATA SCREEN REACTS TO SOMETHING.

HE PRESSES A SWITCH WHICH HOLDS THE DISPLAY.

HE THINKS FOR A MOMENT. THEN PRESSES THE BUTTONS OF HIS WRIST COMMUNICATOR)

CASTELLAN'S VOICE: Yes Maxil.

MAXIL: I think you should come down here Castellan.

CASTELLAN'S VOICE: What is it?

MAXIL: I'd rather not say on an open channel. But you'll find the analysis makes very interesting reading.

(NO [illegible])

10. INT. AMSTERDAM. PUMP HOUSE. DAY.

(THE SERVICE DOOR CREAKS OPEN.

ROBIN AND TEGAN APPEAR, AND MOVE IN.

TEGAN LOOKS AROUND, NOTHING UNUSUAL. (THE BOOSTER ELEMENT IN PLACE BUT ANONYMOUS AND INACTIVE))

TEGAN: This is where you slept?

ROBIN: Yes ... the crypt's through there ...

(MOVES BEFORE ROBIN CAN STOP HER AND TRIES THE DOOR)

TEGAN: It's locked.

(ROBIN COMES FORWARD AND TRIES THE DOOR)

ROBIN: It must be bolted on the other side. Maybe a Gardener or worker has been down here ...

TEGAN: And Also Colin could be in there hurt.

(ROBIN HAS REACTED TO SOMETHING)

ROBIN: Look Tegan!

(HE MOVES OVER TO THE PIPES AND PULLS OUT COLIN'S PARTIALLY CONCEALED RUCKSACK)

TEGAN: Colin's?

ROBIN: He's still here. He'd never have left without this.

11. INT. THE MATRIX.

(THE DOCTOR AND OMEGA.

IN THE PULSING
INFINITY OF THE
MATRIX)

THE DOCTOR: You couldn't have done this on your own. Who's helping you?

OMEGA: Someone I trust Doctor. On who believes in justice ... and the greatness I offer your people.

THE DOCTOR: If you have something to offer why not speak directly.

OMEGA: I considered that. But it wouldn't work.

THE DOCTOR: How do you know?

OMEGA: Believe me I do know.

THE DOCTOR: Because you're known to Gallifrey?

OMEGA: I was not always as I am now Doctor. Once I too had life ... real existence in your dimension. Soon I hope to have it again.

THE DOCTOR: It would mean losing control of the matrix to you ... the price is too high ...

OMEGA: (ANGER) Do not provoke me Doctor. You exist here now through the power of my will.

(THE DOCTOR'S IMAGE BEGINS TO ELECTRONICALLY OSCILLATE AND FRAGMENT)

(O.S.) A slight relaxation of effort ...

(THE DOCTOR'S IMAGE IS DISINTEGRATING)

But I want your friendship Doctor, your understanding.

(THE DOCTOR'S IMAGE BEGINS TO REASSEMBLE)

We will talk again when you are ready to listen.

(OMEGA'S IMAGE RETREATS AND FADES.

THE DOCTOR SLUMPS FORWARD EXHAUSTED)

12. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(CASTELLAN AND MAXIL.
THE CASTELLAN FROWNING
AT A PRINTOUT)

MAXIL: The circuit was altered Rigged to cut out at the moment of termination.

CASTELLAN: Then the Doctor didn't die?

MAXIL: Not according to this.

CASTELLAN: Yet he did de-materialise.

MAXIL: Not difficult to arrange for someone clever as the doctor.

CASTELLAN: He would have needed help. And there are many here who'd give it to him. We must find him Maxil.

MAXIL: Something else. The girl was correct about his bio scan. It was transmitted from Gallifrey.

CASTELLAN: Do you recall Talor wanting to see me urgently?

MAXIL: Just before he died?

CASTELLAN: Yes. I'm sure he wanted to tell me about the transmission.

MAXIL: So he could have been murdered.

(CASTELLAN NODS)

13. INT. GALLIFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE.

(MAXIL AND CASTELLAN
ON THE SCREEN.

TIME LORD'S HAND
COMES INTO SHOT AND
SWITCHES THE SCREEN
OFF)

14. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

CASTELLAN: Find the Doctor and the rest will fall into place.

MAXIL: Should the High Council be told?

CASTELLAN: No. We'll handle this ourselves.
. bring Damon and the girl here.

15. INT. PUMPHOUSE. DAY.

(TEGAN AND ROBIN)

ROBIN: Are you convinced Colin was here?

TEGAN: Yes, but why should you want to sleep in a dump like this?

ROBIN: I told you, the Hostel was full. And anyway what's wrong with sleeping rough?

(THE WATER NOISE SUDDENLY BEGINS TO AGITATE AND BOIL.

TEGAN REACTS LOOKING ABOUT.

A CRACKLE FROM THE WATER CONTROL PANEL, AND THE BOOSTER ELEMENT SUDDENLY BECOMES ACTIVE)

16. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(MAXIL AND FOUR GUARDS MOVING SWIFTLY DOWN THE CORRIDOR.

THEY COME TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE SECURITY COMPOUND.

MAXIL PAUSES TO SWEEP THEM THROUGH.

THE GUARDS BREAK INTO A RUN.

MAXIL FOLLOWS)

17. INT. TARDIS. COMPANION'S ROOM.

(NYSSA BROODING
ALONE WHEN DAMON
COMES TO JOIN HER)

DAMON: (SOFTLY) There's no sense brooding on it Nyssa.

NYSSA: I don't understand. The Doctor could have left. We might have got away from here.

DAMON: Perhaps he didn't want to endanger you.

(A NOISE OUTSIDE.
RUNNING FOOTSTEPS.
MUFFLED ORDERS.
CRASHES AND BANGS.

THEY ARE ABOUT TO
MOVE OUT WHEN THE
DOORS FLY OPEN AND
MAXIL AND FOUR GUARDS
ENTER.

THE GUARDS CRASH
ABOUT SEARCHING)

What are you doing here?

MAXIL: We've orders to search the Tardis.

NYSSA: Who are you looking for?

MAXIL: You two come with me.

NYSSA: I demand ...

(MAXIL DRAWS HIS STASAR)

MAXIL: Move!

(NYSSA ABOUT TO PROTEST FURTHER)

DAMON: Do as he says Nyssa.

(THEY GO OUT FOLLOWED BY MAXIL)

18. INT. AMSTERDAM. PUM HOUSE. DAY.

(TEGAN REACTING TO THE ACTIVE BOOSTER ELEMENT)

TEGAN: What is it Robin?

ROBIN: I don't know.

(A SOUND OF BOLTS BEING WITHDRAWN, THEIR EYES GO TO THE DOOR TO THE CRYPT)

Quick over here!

(HE DRAGS HER OFF TO CONCEAL THEMSELVES AMONG THE PIPES.

THE DOOR CREAKS EERILY OPEN, FOOTSTEPS THEN COLIN'S SHUFFLING FIGURE MOVES PAST HEADING FOR THE BOOSTER ELEMENT.

TEGAN LOOKS AT ROBIN WHO NODS INDICATING THAT IT'S COLIN.

TEGAN GOES TO MOVE, ROBIN RESTRAINS HER)

(HUSHED) No ... just wait.

(TEGAN'S ANXIOUS EYES ON COLIN)

19. INT. THE MATRIX.

(THE DOCTOR SWAYING
IN THE FORCES OF
THE MATRIX.

HE TRIES TO MOVE,
TO EXERT SOME
CONTROL, BUT SLUMPS
BACK GASPING WITH
EFFORT)

20. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(A GRIM FACED CASTELLAN WAITING FOR DAMON AND NYSSA WHEN THEY ARE LED IN BY MAXIL AND HIS GUARDS.

CASTELLAN STARES AT DAMON FOR A MOMENT)

CASTELLAN: We have proof that illegal use was made of the security circuits. If you're involved, confess now.

DAMON: What do you mean?

CASTELLAN: Do you deny helping the Doctor?

NYSSA: Tell him nothing Damon!

CASTELLAN: Answer! Have you had access to the security circuits?

DAMON: No ... I ...

CASTELLAN: You transmitted the Doctor's bio scan didn't you?

DAMON: Without the codes ... how could I?

CASTELLAN: But you knew about it?

DAMON: Yes.

CASTELLAN: That's better.

DAMON: Talor and I found out by accident.

CASTELLAN: Why didn't you tell me what Talor had learnt?

DAMON: Only Time Lord's have access to the Bio Scan circuits. And you are a Time Lord, Castellan.

CASTELLAN: Point an accusational finger at me and I shall cut it off at the shoulder.

DAMON: I only remind you of your rank simply to underline my delema. Talor's death upset me. It confused my judgement. I felt I was unable to trust anyone.

CASTELLAN: But you trust me now?

DAMON: Of course.

CASTELLAN: But there is still the matter of the interference with the Termination Circuits.

DAMON: Of that I know nothing I don't know the coding that would give access.

CASTELLAN: Again, only a Time Lord has such information.

DAMON: Indeed.

CASTELLAN: But the Doctor is a Time Lord. He could have instructed you.

DAMON: No.

CASTELLAN: (RELENTLESS) You had contact with the Doctor didn't you?

DAMON: Yes ... but ...

NYSSA: It's a pity you weren't so concerned when the Doctor was alive

CASTELLAN: (flares) Don't play games with me girl. The Doctor is alive and you know it.

(ON NYSSA: SHOCK, THEN A SMILE OF IMMENSE RELIEF)

21. INT. AMSTERDAM. PUMP HOUSE. DAY.

(TEGAN AND ROBIN
CONCEALED WATCH
COLIN

HE TURNS AND TEGAN
GASPS.

SHE'S SEEN HIS FACE
FOR THE FIRST TIME,
DULL ZOMBIE LIKE)

TEGAN: Colin.

(COLIN HAS MOVED
THROUGH THE DOOR
INTO THE CRYPT.

SHE DARTS FORWARD
BEFORE ROBIN
CAN STOP HER)

ROBIN: Tegan ... come back!

(TEGAN MOVES THROUGH
THE DOOR AFTER COLIN
AND INTO THE CRYPT
BEYOND)

22. INT. AMSTERDAM. CRYPT DAY.

(OMEGA'S TARDIS
RUMBLES.

TEGAN REACTS, COLIN
IS STANDING FACING HER
AND BESIDE HIM THE
HIDEOUS ERGON.

SHE SCREAMS, THE
ERGON RAISES ITS
STUMP AND FIRES ITS
WEAPON.

IT HITS TEGAN WHO
CONVERTS FROM POSITIVE
TO NEGATIVE, AND VANISHES)

ROBIN: (MOVING THROUGH) Tegan ...

(STOPS, SEES THE
ERGON ABOUT TO
FIRE, TRIES TO
DODGE, BUT IS HIT
AND VANISHES
SIMILARLY TO TEGAN)

23. INT. THE MATRIX.

(THE DOCTOR STRUGGLING AGAIN TO EFFECT MOVEMENT.

THE EFFORT IS BEYOND HIM)

THE DOCTOR: (FRUSTRATED) All right. I'll talk. (LOUDER) Do you hear me? I said I'll talk!

(NO RESPONSE.

JUST THE GUSTING ELECTRONIC SOUNDS OF THE MATRIX)

24. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

CASTELLAN: We know there's a conspiracy. And we'll get to the heart of it.

DAMON: Then find the Time Lord who killed Talor.

CASTELLAN: We will. And the Doctor too. Maxil, continue the search. He must be in the citadel.

(MAXIL GOES WITH HIS GUARDS)

CASTELLAN: You two are to remain here until I return.

(HE STRIDES OUT.

NYSSA GRIPS DAMON'S ARM)

NYSSA: He's alive Damon.

(DAMON NODS AND SMILES)

25. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(MAXIL WITH TWO GUARDS MEETS TWO MORE COMING THE OPPOSITE WAY.

THEY PAUSE)

MAXIL: Sweep the residential wing including the Time Lord's quarters. But be discreet. No one is to know we're looking for the Doctor.

(THE GUARDS AND MAXIL MOVE OFF.

A MOMENT AND A DOOR OPENS AND THE UNIDENTIFIED FIGURE OF THE TIME LORD COMES INTO VIEW TO STARE AFTER MAXIL.

THEN THE TIME LORD TURNS AND MOVES PURPOSEFULLY OFF)

26. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS. CHAMBER.

(A SMALL AREA WITH
A BENCH.

A CLOSED DOOR
NEARBY.

TEGAN AND ROBIN,
BEWILDERED)

TEGAN: Where are we?

ROBIN: I don't know ...
are you all right?

TEGAN: Yes. I suppose we
should be thankful we're alive.

(A SOUND AND THE
DOOR OPENS TO
OMEGA'S TARDIS
BEYOND.

THEY SEE OMEGA
SEATED CONNECTED
UP TO HIS WEIRD APPARATUS.

IN FRONT OF HIM
STANDS THE ERGON.

INTERCUT THE TWO
AREAS.

TEGAN COWERS BACK
IN ALARM)

OMEGA: The Ergon will not
harm you unless I will it.

TEGAN: What do you want with us?

OMEGA: You intruded where you had no business to be.

TEGAN: We were looking for my cousin.

OMEGA: The primitive?

TEGAN: His name is Colin Frazer. Where is he?

OMEGA: He serves me in here. If you are capable of doing the same you will not find me ungrateful. Ergon.

(THE CREATURE MOVES
FORWARD TO TEGAN
WHO BACKS AWAY)

The Ergon will scan you for possible future use. It would be wise to to resist.

(THE CREATURE MOVES
UP TO TEGAN AND
LAYS ITS STUMP ON
HER HEAD.

HER FACE GLOWS,
OMEGA REACTS. THE
STUMP IS WITHDRAWN.

TEGAN SINKS DOWN
ONTO THE BENCH)

(ALERT) So you are known to the Doctor.

TEGAN: What of it?

OMEGA: Answer!

TEGAN: Yes. I'm a friend of the Doctor's.

OMEGA: (PAUSE) Then we are both fortunate. Ergon!

(THE CREATURE MOVES OUT.

OMEGA REACTS. A LIGHT IS BLINKING ON THE COMMUNICATION SCREEN)

27. INT. GALLFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE.

(THE OMEGA BATHED IN THE CONE OF LIGHT)

TIME LORD: (URGENT) We have trouble. A full scale security sweep is in progress for the Doctor.

OMEGA: (ALARM) How did this happen?

TIME LORD: The termination aroused suspicion. The High Council haven't been told yet. We must act swiftly before they do.

OMEGA: Act how?

TIME LORD: Realease the Doctor. You must concentrate your powers on transfer.

OMEGA: We can't risk it. Once free the Doctor will make trouble.

TIME LORD: We must take that chance. Your only hope now is for a swift transfer.

(OMEGA CONSIDERS. THEN CHUCKLES)

OMEGA: Perhaps the Doctor can be persuaded not to interfere. Very well. I'll do as you say.

28. INT. THE MATRIX.

(THE DOCTOR ROCKING
IN THE INFINITY
OF THE MATRIX)

OMEGA'S VOICE: Doctor.

(THE DOCTOR REACTS.

OMEGA'S IMAGE
TRAVELLING FORWARD
TO HOLD CLOSE TO
HIM)

I have good news Doctor.
Since I wish no enmity
between us, I intend to
release you.

THE DOCTOR: (CAREFULLY) Very
generous of you. May I
ask what I've done to
deserve it?

OMEGA: I need your goodwill
Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Why?

OMEGA: I told you. For
myself all I ask is to live
as one among my own kind
again. Not much to ask in
return for what I bring.

THE DOCTOR: It's what you'll
do once you are here that
worries me.

OMEGA: You disappoint me Doctor. I believed you would have had the vision to see beyond such irrational fears;

THE DOCTOR: Unlimited power and those who control it, have that effect on me, my friend.

OMEGA: You will be freed if you give your word not to interfere.

THE DOCTOR: I will do everything I can to stop you.

OMEGA: (SIGHS) Then I am forced to persuade you.

(HIS HAND PRESSES A BUTTON, A DISTURBANCE IN THE MATRIX AND SUDDENLY THE IMAGE OF TEGAN, TERRIFIED, APPEARS)

THE DOCTOR: (ALARM) Tegan!

OMEGA: A young friend of yours Doctor ... please ... your word not to interfere or she must suffer.

THE DOCTOR: No! A trick. It's not Tegan. It can't ... she's on earth ...

OMEGA: Tell him girl.

TEGAN: (TERRIFIED) Please Doctor ... help me!

THE DOCTOR: No ... it can't be. Tegan's on earth, I know she is ...

OMEGA: Very well. If she is a illusion, then you won't be upset to see her destroyed.

(TEGAN'S IMAGE
BEGINS TO FRAGMENT
AND OSCILLATE)

TEGAN: (DISTORTED) Doctor please!

(SHE SCREAMS.

THE DOCTOR IS IN
AN AGONY OF DOUBT)

28A. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(DAMON RUNNING A PROGRAMME UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE CASTELLAN.

THE PROGRAMME COMPLETES, A LIGHT BLINKS ON.

DAMON STEPS BACK)

DAMON: It'll need your hand print to decode it Castellan.

(CASTELLAN MOVES OVER AND LAYS HIS HAND ON A PRINT SENSITIVE CONTROL.

THE COMPUTER CHATTERS AND PRINTS OUT.

THE LIGHT DIES.

CASTELLAN SNATCHES IT TO READ AVIDLY.

HIS FACE SETS.

HE PRESSES THE BUTTON OF HIS WRIST COMMUNICATOR)

MAXIL'S VOICE: Castellan.

CASTELLAN: Have you found him?

29. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(MAXIL OUTSIDE AN OPEN DOOR.

SOUNDS OF SEARCHING INSIDE)

MAXIL: (INTO COMMUNICATOR) Not yet.

(OOV)

CASTELLAN: /While your men continue to search ...

30. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

CASTELLAN: Have Councillors Zorac, Hedin and Thalia come to my office immediately.

(CASTELLAN TURNS TO GO)

DAMON: You know who it is?

CASTELLAN: Yes, we have all the proof we need.

NYSSA: So you know the Doctor is innocent?

CASTELLAN: The Doctor plotted this conspiracy. Now we know who helped him ... you two remain here.

(HE TURNS AND GOES OUT.

THE DOOR CLOSING BEHIND HIM. THERE IS A LOUD CLICK)

NYSSA: Can we get out?

DAMON: He has operated the lock.

31. INT. THE MATRIX.

(IN THE INFINITY OF THE MATRIX.

THE DOCTOR AND OMEGA, TEGAN'S IMAGE OSCILLATING AND FRAGMENTING.

THEN THE DOCTOR DECIDES)

THE DOCTOR: All right! Whatever you say!

OMEGA: Your word as a Time Lord?

THE DOCTOR: You have it ... Now leave her alone!

(THE PRESSURE EASES ON TEGAN.

HER IMAGE REASSEMBLES, RETREATS AND FADES)

OMEGA: Her life depends on you Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: As yours depends on mine!

OMEGA: Then see that nothing threatens it ... next time we meet it will be in Gallifrey. Goodbye Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Wait ...

(BUT ALREADY THE
DOCTOR'S IMAGE
IS FADING)

32. INT. GALLIFREY. TERMINATION AREA.

(HOLDING ON THE CHAMBER.

THE SWITCH SUDDENLY GLOWS.

THE CHAMBER AGITATES AND THE IMAGE OF THE DOCTOR MATERIALISES, THE POWER CUTS RELEASING HIM ABRUPTLY AND HE SLUMPS AND ALMOST FALLS.

THE PANEL SLIDES BACK. THE DOCTOR MOVES OUT AND PAUSES TO RECOVER)

HE MOVES TO THE DOOR AND PEERS OUT.

ALL CLEAR, HE MOVES INTO THE CORRIDOR BEYOND)

33. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS.

(TEGAN AND ROBIN.

TEGAN SLUMPED ON A SEAT)

ROBIN: Tegan ... are you all right?

TEGAN: (CONFUSED) Robin, the Doctor. I saw the Doctor!

ROBIN: How?

TEGAN: I don't know. It was like a nightmare. Unreal ... but I saw him Robin. It was the Doctor!

ROBIN: He can help us?

(SHE REACTS.

THE DOOR HAS OPENED AND THEY'RE LOOKING THROUGH INTO OMEGA'S MAIN TARDIS AREA.

INTERCUT)

OMEGA: I am pleased you were of help to me girl. To show my appreciation your cousin will be returned to you.

(COLIN MOVES FORWARD
AND INTO THE AREA.

HE STARES VEGETABLE
LIKE AT TEGAN)

TEGAN: What have you done to him?

OMEGA: He is released until I have further use for him.

(HE PRESSES A BUTTON.
A BEAM SHOOTS OUT
TO HIT COLIN.

COLIN STAGGERS,
ALMOST FALLS AND
WHEN HE RECOVERS
HE IS WEAK BUT
IN CONTROL OF
HIS MIND.

HE SEES TEGAN
AND ROBIN)

COLIN: Tegan!

(HE SLUMPS DOWN
UNCONSCIOUS.

TEGAN MOVES TO
HIM)

34. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(NYSSA, DAMON AND GUARDS)

NYSSA: But why does the Castellan hate the Doctor?

DAMON: Professional jealousy. It goes back a long way. He's never forgiven the Doctor for being chose to serve as Lord President.

NYSSA: But what he says is not true.

DAMON: All the more reason why the Doctor should show up.

NYSSA: (FRUSTRATED) Where could he be?

35. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR MOVING ALONG WHEN THE SOUND OF RUNNING FOOTSTEPS ARE HEARD BEHIND HIM.

HE DARTS INTO HIDING.

A MOMENT LATER TWO GUARDS RUSH PAST.

AFTER THEY'RE GONE THE DOCTOR RE-EMERGES AND MOVES ON SWIFTLY)

36. INT. GALLIFREY. CASTELLAN'S OFFICE.

(THALIA, HEDIN AND ZORAC PRESENT WHEN THE CASTELLAN MOVES IN HOLDING THE PRINTOUTS. ALL ARE FURIOUS.

MAXIL TENSE AND WATCHFUL NEARBY)

ZORAC: (AGITATED) What the devil is going on Castellan? Guards crashing about the place. It's a madhouse out there!

CASTELLAN: (MOVING TO SEAT HIMSELF) My apologies Councillors.

THALIA: Castellan. We're not in the habit of being summoned by armed soldiers.

CASTELLAN: Patience Thalia ... Maxil.

(MAXIL MOVES FORWARD.

CASTELLAN HANDS HIM THE PRINTOUT)

Have these copied. One each for the Councillors. Do it now please.

(MAXIL MOVES OUT)

THALIA: We're waiting Castellan.

(CASTELLAN LOOKS AT THEM BEFORE SPEAKING)

CASTELLAN: A very grave situation has come to light. We have indisputable proof that the Doctor is alive.

(REACTIONS)

ZORAC: Ridiculous! We saw him ...

CASTELLAN: (HARD) He's alive Zorac. My men are searching for him now.

THALIA: But how?

CASTELLAN: He was helped to evade termination. By one of us (LOOKS AT THEM) one of the High Council.

(THEY STARE AT HIM IN DISBELIEF.

MAXIL ENTERS WITH COPIES AND PASSES THEM ROUND IN SILENCE)

Those are a full analysis of the relevant security circuit traffic. Study them well Councillors. They will tell you who it was.

37. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR PEERS ROUND A CORNER, SEES THAT ALL IS CLEAR AND MOVES UP TO THE DOOR TO THE COMPUTER ROOM.

HE PUTS HIS HAND TO THE OPENING MECHANISM, BUT NOTHING HAPPENS)

THE DOCTOR: Pity! Long cancelled I expect. (THINKS, THEN REACTS) Presidential code!

(HEARS FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING.

FEVISHLY STARTS TO PUNCH IN CODE.

THE DOCTOR, DESPERATELY TRYING TO REMEMBER)

Eight ... five ... four ... one - no! Eight four five one.

(FOOTSTEPS CLOSING.

THE DOCTOR IN A SWEAT TAPPING IN THE NUMBER)

Four ... five ... one ... (PAUSES) Two three ... or two two? (cont ...)

(FOOTSTEPS VERY CLOSE.
THE DOCTOR UNDECIDED
WHETHER TO HIDE
DECIDES TO RISK
IT)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) (FEVERISH)
Two ... three ... four nine -
eight!

(AN AGONISED MOMENT
THEN THE DOOR
OPENS AND HE
SLIPS IN.

HOLDING: A
MOMENT LATER TWO
GUARDS HURRY PAST)

38. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(NYSSA AND DAMON
REACTING TO THE
DOCTOR'S APPEARANCE)

NYSSA: Doctor!

DAMON: How did you manage to open the door.

THE DOCTOR: (SMILES) Pure luck

39. INT. GALLIFREY. OFFICE.

(THALIA,HEDIN,
ZORAC STARING IN
DISBELIEF AT THE
CASTELLAN.

MAXIL NEARBY)

THALIA: The Lord President?

CASTELLAN: You have the proof. His personal codes were used to manipulate the matrix. Again, his code registered in the computer room the precise time Talor was killed.

ZORAC: But why?

CASTELLAN: The creature ... Its link to the Doctor, and through him to Gallifrey.

THALIA: To achieve what Castellan?

CASTELLAN: We know the creature controls the shift of the arc of infinity. So what if the arc were to be permently located here - linked to the Matrix?

(SILENCE)

(INTENSE) Enormous power ... way beyond the ability of anyone to control it - except those who already are at one with the Matrix.

ZORAC: The Lord President!

CASTELLAN: Yes, and the Doctor! Together with this creature I'm convinced this is what they intend to do.

40. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(NYSSA, THE DOCTOR
AND DAMON)

NYSSA: Why didn't you tell me what you were up to?

THE DOCTOR: The termination? And risk your inevitable protestations? There wasn't time Nyssa. But thank you for your concern all the same.

NYSSA: (SMILE) I shan't forgive you.

THE DOCTOR: There's still a lot we have to do ... Damon, did you do as I asked?

DAMON: The tardis element ... yes ...

THE DOCTOR: Good. What about the check on the power equipment? Did anything turn up?

DAMON: Just one item ... a fusion booster element was transported recently.

THE DOCTOR: Fusion!

DAMON: It's a highly advanced piece of equipment. Unstable but capable of an enormous conversion rate over very short periods.

THE DOCTOR: From water?

DAMON: The booster element is fuelled by anything that contains hydrogen atoms. Water would be perfect.

THE DOCTOR: (TENSE) Now Damon. This is very important. Destination, and who sent it. Think you could find out?

DAMON: I'll try.

THE DOCTOR: Good. Do it please.

(DAMON MOVES TO THE COMPUTER CONSOLE.

AND BEGINS TO WORK)

NYSSA: Doctor, they know you're alive.

THE DOCTOR: Yes, I thought that's what all the fuss was about outside.

NYSSA: Shouldn't we go while we have the chance?

THE DOCTOR: We're going back to earth Nyssa. But not yet.

NYSSA: Earth ... what for?

THE DOCTOR: That's where this creature is holed up.

NYSSA: How do you know?

THE DOCTOR: (GRIM) He's got Tegan. I saw her in the Matrix.

(NYSSA REACTS STRONGLY)

41. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDORS.

(CASTELLAN AND A
GUARD STRIDING
DOWN THE CORRIDOR.

MAXIL AND THREE OTHERS
ROUND A CORNER TO MEET
UP WITH THEM)

MAXIL: The residential wings are clear. My men are now sweeping the technical areas.

CASTELLAN: You sealed the citadel?

MAXIL: Nothing can get in or out Castellan.

CASTELLAN: Then it's only a question of time. Draft in more men if necessary. I'll be in my office.

(HE GOES ON.

MAXIL MOVING OFF
WITH HIS GUARDS)

42. INT. GALLIFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE.

(OMEGA RESOLVING IN
HIS CONE OF LIGHT)

TIME LORD: (URGENT) The Council know!

OMEGA: (ALARM) They will take action?

TIME LORD: Not until they find the Doctor.

OMEGA: You must delay them.

43. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS. STATIONARY.

(THE APPARATUS CONNECTED UP OMEGA PULSING WITH ENERGY. BESIDE HIM THE ERGON)

OMEGA: I need more time. I must generate sufficient power to transfer.

TIME LORD: (OOV) I can't guarantee you will have it.

OMEGA: You must. You promised!

TIME LORD: (OOV, THINKS) Very well. But it will mean isolating the Matrix Master Control.

44. INT. GALLIFREY. OFFICE.

(WE SEE THAT THE
TIME LORD IS HEDIN)

OMEGA: Thank you Time Lord.

TIME LORD: What we are we owe to you. Your return is all that matters.

OMEGA: Meanwhile I will try to do all I can to prevent them using the Matrix against us.

(THE CONE CLEARS,
THE FITTING ASCENDS
TO ITS CONCEALED POSITION.

HEDIN THINKS, THEN OPENS
A DRAWER AND TAKES OUT
SOMETHING.

WE SEE IT'S THE SAME
DEVICE HE USED TO
KILL TALOR - A LETHAL
GLASS BARRELLED IMPULSE
LASAR)

45. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS. WALLED AREA.

(TEGAN, ROBIN AND COLIN, WEAK BUT NOW REVIVED.

ROBIN IS POKING ABOUT AT THE WALLS. HE TURNS AWAY)

ROBIN: There's no way out.

COLIN: (FAINT SMILE) I wish there had been no way in.

TEGAN: The Doctor knows we're here. Don't worry, he'll find a way to help us.

ROBIN: Always supposing anyone can.

TEGAN: He'll certainly try.

ROBIN: What's going on out there?

TEGAN: Who cares? Just be thankful he's leaving us alone.

46. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(DAMON TEARS OUT A PRINTOUT.

THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA MOVE UP)

DAMON: You were right Doctor. The booster element was transported to earth. It could have been anywhere. The reception area was lost in severe temporal distortion.

THE DOCTOR: The effect of the anti-matter field I imagine.

DAMON: We know who sent it though.

THE DOCTOR: (TENSE) Who Damon?

DAMON: These codes are unmistakable. You used them yourself to get in here.

(THE DOCTOR SNATCHES THE PRINTOUT AND SCANS IT)

THE DOCTOR: The Lord President!

47. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(HEDIN MOVING DOWN
THE CORRIDOR.

A COUPLE OF GUARDS
RUSH PAST.

HE PAUSES AND CONTINUES
ON)

48. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

DAMON: (URGENT) There's no mistake Doctor. They are the presidential codes.

THE DOCTOR: I know what it says

NYSSA: What are you going to do?

THE DOCTOR: We must see the Lord President immediately.

DAMON: The Castellan's guards are all over the place.

THE DOCTOR: We'll have to risk it.

NYSSA: Wait a minute.

(SHE MOVES TO THE WEAPONS RACK AND TAKES OUT A STASAR.

SHE COMES BACK AND HANDS IT TO THE DOCTOR)

Take this.

(HE HESITATES)

Just in case.

(THE DOCTOR TAKES THE WEAPON)

THE DOCTOR: Thanks for your help Damon. I shall never be able to repay you. Come on Nyssa.

DAMON: Good luck Doctor.

(NYSSA SMILES AT DAMON AND FOLLOWS THE DOCTOR TO THE DOOR.

HE PEERS OUT, ALL CLEAR, THEY EXIT)

49. INT. CORRIDOR. GALLIFREY.

(HEDIN MOVES UP THE CORRIDOR AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE LORD PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER.

GUARD IS ON STATION OUTSIDE)

HEDIN: The Lord President expects me.

(GUARD OPENS THE DOOR.

HEDIN ENTERS.

THE DOOR CLOSES. GUARD OPERATES HIS COMMUNICATOR)

MAXIL: (VO COMMUNICATOR) Maxil.

50. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(HEDIN COMES FORWARD
AND PAUSES.

A MOMENT AND AN INNER
DOOR OPENS AND THE
LORD PRESIDENT COMES OUT)

LORD PRESIDENT: You wanted to see me Hedin.

HEDIN: Yes Lord President.

51. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA MAKING THEIR WAY ALONG THE CORRIDOR.

RUNNING FOOTSTEPS AHEAD AROUND AN INTERSECTION.

THEY DODGE INTO HIDING AND WAIT UNTIL THREE GUARDS HAVE PASSED ON THE DOUBLE.

ALL CLEAR. THEY MOVE OUT AND CONTINUE ON ROUND THE CORNER)

52. INT. GALLIFREY. CASTELLAN'S OFFICE.

(THE CASTELLAN PACING NERVOUSLY. COMMUNICATOR SOUNDS.

MAXIL APPEARS ON THE SCREEN)

MAXIL: You wanted to know if any of the High Council attempted to see the Lord President.

CASTELLAN: Yes?

MAXIL: Councillor Hedin is with him now.

(CASTELLAN'S FACE TIGHTENS IN FURY)

CASTELLAN: Thank you.

(MAXIL'S IMAGE FADES.

CASTELLAN OPERATES ANOTHER SWITCH.

THALIA'S IMAGE COMES UP ON THE SCREEN)

Hedin has gone to see the Lord President.

THALIA: But we agreed to wait!

CASTELLAN: We must act now Thalia.

(THE SCREEN DIES.

CASTELLAN CHECKS HIS WEAPON AND MOVES OUT)

53. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA.

THEY'RE MOVING ALONG WHEN A PATROLLING GUARD APPEARS UP AHEAD. THEY DIVE FOR COVER AS HE LEVELS THE STASAR AND FIRES.

THEY DODGE BACK THE WAY THEY'VE COME AND SPEED OFF.

GUARD COMES FORWARD, AND PAUSES. HE MOVES TO A PANEL IN THE CORRIDOR WALL AND PRESSES A BUTTON.

AN ALARM BEGINS TO BLEEP)

54. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE ALARM BLEEPING.

MAXIL EMERGES FROM A ROOM, OTHER GUARDS BEGINNING TO APPEAR.

HE RUSHES OFF FOLLOWED BY HIS MEN)

55. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE ALARM BLEEPING.
THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA.

THEY RUSH UP THE CORRIDOR.

A GUARD RUNS INTO VIEW UP AHEAD AND GOES TO FIRE.

THE DOCTOR RAISES THE STASAR AND STUNS HIM.

THEY MOVE ON, TO DRAW LEVEL WITH THE STUNNED GUARD.

THE DOCTOR PAUSES. HEARS SHOUTS AND RUNNING FOOTSTEPS LOOKS ABOUT THEN HAULS NYSSA IN THROUGH A DOORWAY.

A MOMENT, MAXIL AND OTHERS RUNNING INTO VIEW. SEES THE STUNNED GUARD AND POINTS HIS MEN OFF IN THE DIRECTION HE ASSUMES THE DOCTOR HAS TAKEN.

THEY HARE OFF.
MAXIL'S WRIST COMMUNICATOR BLEEPS.

INTERCUT BETWEEN MAXIL AND CASTELLAN ON ANOTHER PART OF THE CORRIDOR NETWORK)

CASTELLAN: You found him?

MAXIL: Not yet. But he can't be far away.

CASTELLAN: Hurry it up Maxil. I need him. Find him!

(MAXIL GOES OFF.

A MOMENT THEN THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA EMERGE)

THE DOCTOR: We're almost there Nyssa.

56. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(HEDIN AND THE LORD PRESIDENT.

THE LORD PRESIDENT DISTURBED)

LORD PRESIDENT: It's a highly unusual request Hedin.

HEDIN: It only affects the Master controls. Secondary functions will continue to operate.

LORD PRESIDENT: If I charge the transduction field the matrix itself will be isolated. No one could use it.

HEDIN: That's why you must do it Lord President.

LORD PRESIDENT: You forget yourself Hedin. Access to the matrix is guaranteed. Only the gravest emergency could permit me to do as you want.

HEDIN: Nevertheless you will do it.

LORD PRESIDENT: (ANGRY) No one is above the law Hedin. Not you, not ...

(HEDIN TAKES OUT THE LETHAL INSTRUMENT HE USED TO KILL TALOR.

LORD PRESIDENT REACTS)

HEDIN: (TENSE) This is an impulse lasar. Don't force me to use it ... Now if you please Lord President ...

(THE LORD PRESIDENT'S FACE HARDENING)

57. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA MOVE ROUND INTO VIEW AND PAUSE.

AHEAD THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHAMBER.

THEY MOVE FORWARD UP TO THE DOOR.

CUT TO END OF PASSAGE, SECOND GUARD SEES THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA ENTERING)

58. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(HEDIN COVERING THE LORD PRESIDENT WITH THE IMPULSE LASAR)

LORD PRESIDENT: Why are you doing this, Hedin?

HEDIN: There's no time to explain now ...

(A SOUND AND HEDIN SPINS.

THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA HAVE ENTERED.

THE DOCTOR SENSES SOMETHING VERY WRONG, THEN SEES THE LASAR IN HEDIN'S HAND, COVERING THE LORD PRESIDENT.

THE PENNY DOESN'T DROP YET!)

THE DOCTOR: Hedin, you don't believe this stuff about the Lord President ...

LORD PRESIDENT: Doctor ... be careful!

(HEDIN SWINGS THE WEAPON ROUND TO COVER NYSSA AND THE DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR STILL DOESN'T ALLOW HIMSELF TO BELIEVE THE IMPLICATIONS)

THE DOCTOR: What is it Hedin?

HEDIN: (HARD) Your weapon Doctor.

(THE DOCTOR STARES AT HIM, THEN TO THE LORD PRESIDENT, AND BACK TO HEDIN.

SUDDENLY HE KNOWS. HE FEELS SADNESS)

THE DOCTOR: (SOFT) So it's you Hedin.

HEDIN: Please ... the weapon!

(THE DOCTOR TOSSES IT ASIDE.

NYSSA'S EYES FOLLOW IT)

No Nyssa. I shall kill even you if you try. Now ... over here.

(THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA MOVE FORWARD SLOWLY)

THE DOCTOR: The bio scan. The rigged termination. All your work Hedin?

HEDIN: I did what I had to Doctor.

NYSSA: (CONTEMPT) And he thought you were his friend.

59. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(CASTELLAN, WEAPON IN HAND, RUSHES ON)

60. INT. GALLIFREY. CHAMBER.

(AS BEFORE)

THE DOCTOR: It was all done to make us think you were responsible Lord President. (TURNS TO HEDIN) What forced you to show your hand?

HEDIN: Nothing must interfere with transfer, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: It's that close?

HEDIN: Very.

(THE DOCTOR CONSIDERS HIM)

THE DOCTOR: I always considered you a friend Hedin. A man of learning, respected by all. Why now turn to evil?

HEDIN: You don't understand.

THE DOCTOR: (ANGRY) This creature will soon control the matrix. Is that what you want?

HEDIN: (STUNG) This is no alien creature Doctor. It's one of us. A Time Lord. The first and greatest of our people!

THE DOCTOR: Who is it?

HEDIN: The one who sacrificed all to give us mastery of time. And was shamefully abandoned in return ...

(ON THE DOCTOR. HE KNOWS)

THE DOCTOR: (DISBELIEF) Omega?

HEDIN: Yes Omega.

THE DOCTOR: But Omega died ...

HEDIN: He lives Doctor. All he wants is existence among us, which he'll have as soon as he transfers here.

THE DOCTOR: Omega is insane. Once in control of the matrix ...

HEDIN: He wants nothing for himself! Just to live among his own people. The power he brings will be for the good of all ... we owe him everything ...

(THE DOOR CRASHES OPEN. FRAMED IN THE DOORWAY IS THE CASTELLAN'S WEAPON, TRAINED ON THE DOCTOR)

CASTELLAN: Well done Hedin!

LORD PRESIDENT: Castellan ...

CASTELLAN: (TREMBLING WITH TENSION) You're under arrest Lord President ... as for you Doctor, you were sentenced to death. This time sentence will be carried out.

(RAISES WEAPON TO FIRE)

HEDIN: No ...!

(CASTELLAN FIRES.

HEDIN LAUNCHES HIMSELF FORWARD TO SHIELD THE DOCTOR AND IS CAUGHT IN THE BLAST.

HE FALLS SHRIVELLED.

SILENCE)

THE DOCTOR: (SHAKEN) You fool! He would have told us where Omega is!

CASTELLAN: Omega ...?

(THE LORD PRESIDENT MOVES TO TAKE THE WEAPON FROM THE CASTELLAN'S NERVELESS HANDS)

But the Doctor is a traitor ...

LORD PRESIDENT: (POINTS TO HEDIN) There is your traitor. Now get out of here ...

(CASTELLAN GOES TO PROTEST)

You're confined to quarters. Now get out!

(THE CASTELLAN'S WORLD IS CRUMBLING. HE STARES AT THEM, THEN GOES, CRUSHED)

THE DOCTOR: (URGENT) Lord President. Quickly. We must shut down the matrix!

LORD PRESIDENT: It will prevent transfer?

THE DOCTOR: No but it could delay it. Give us time to hunt Omega down.

(LORD PRESIDENT THINKS AND THEN GOES TO MOUNT THE DAIS.

THE MATRIX CROWN DESCENDS.

IT MAKES CONTACT. THE MATRIX SCREEN ACTIVATES AS IT DOES.

LORD PRESIDENT'S HAND MOVES OUT TO A SWITCH. HE TRIPS IT. THE SCREEN BEGINS TO DIE.

THEN SUDDENLY IT FLARES.

LORD PRESIDENT'S BODY JERKS. HE MOANS, HIS BODY SUFFUSES WITH LIGHT. THE CROWN IS EXPELLED VIOLENTLY FROM HIS HEAD, AND HE COLLAPSES)

NYSSA: (POINTS) Doctor!

(ON THE SCREEN.

OMEGA'S IMAGE FLOWING IN NEGATIVE)

THE DOCTOR: Too late! Omega controls the matrix!

(HOLD)

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